

The missions of the CSHLA include to:

- (1) remember the Holocaust,
- (2) educate our community and the public by telling our personal life-stories, and
- (3) raise awareness and prevent such tragedies from happening to anyone today or in the future.

We who personally experienced the insecurity, anguish, and stress from cruel separation as victims of the Third Reich, are dismayed and outraged by the ruthless separation of infants, toddlers, and adolescents from their parents. The irreparable damage resulting from such actions has been scientifically and clinically proven to impair human development. Keeping the mission of our organization in mind, we reject these abusively tragic tactics or the racist prejudices underlying them.

HONORING ANDREW F. ATKINS

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 10, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, the late Mr. Andrew F. Atkins.

Mr. Atkins was a native of St. Joseph, Louisiana. In 1911, Mr. Atkins' family moved to the Mississippi Delta. He attended Alcorn High School in Lorman, Mississippi, where he completed his education. He was a resident of Hollandale, Mississippi, most of his adult life. Mr. Atkins made sure it was possible that all of his six children got a college education.

Mr. Atkins was a strong minded and religious person. He was a loyal and noble character. He lived a beautiful, rewarding and spiritual life. Mr. Atkins was the longest serving member on the Board of Trustee and deacon board plus secretary/treasurer of the Little Rock Baptist Church of Hollandale, Mississippi. He also served as Superintendent of the Sunday School for a number of years.

Mr. Atkins began his career at the age of 21, where he was a Burial Insurance Agent for Dillon Funeral Home and Dillon Burial Association of Vicksburg and Leland, Mississippi for more than 70 years. Not only was he a successful insurance agent, he was also a successful Farmer. He owned and operated his farm for a number of years. At this time that same farm is being rented to another farmer in Hollandale, Mississippi. Mr. Atkins' life also included the involvement in the lives of school students. He was the first Black school bus driver to be hired in the Black Hollandale Consolidated School District. He drove the school bus for twenty-eight years where he played a positive role in the lives of the students that rode his bus. There was a good student/bus-driver relationship.

Mr. Atkins was an outstanding Mason F & AM. He was elected Worshipful Master where he served for 43 years. On the District level, he served as secretary/treasurer from 1949 to 2009. He was also a member of the third largest and one of the oldest African American Organization—The Knights and Daughters of Tabor of Mound Bayou, Mississippi.

Lastly, Mr. Atkins was a character member of the Darlove-Murphy, Mississippi Water Association. He was instrumental in getting running water to approximately 150 residents in the Darlove-Murphy communities. He had over 60 years of community/civic service in the Mis-

issippi Delta and other Mississippi cities and towns.

During Mr. Atkins' spare time, he loved hunting rabbits, squirrels and raccoons. Mr. Atkins' departed this life at the age of 101.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Mr. Andrew F. Atkins for his dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

CELEBRATING REV. CHUCK NATION'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FLOWERY BRANCH

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 10, 2018*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Rev. Chuck Nation's 40th year in ministry and his 20th anniversary as the church pastor at the First Baptist Church of Flowery Branch.

Rev. Chuck Nation grew up near Chickamauga, Georgia and later moved to Louisville, Kentucky, where he became a Christian and took an active role in church. This eventually led him to return to his Georgia home and join First Baptist Church of Flowery Branch as their pastor.

Rev. Nation has cared for the flock of nearly 700 at First Baptist Flowery Branch since 1998, making this year his 20th anniversary there. In honor of his commitment to this local body, the congregation presented him with an award and personalized gifts, including a memory jar filled with notes from church members.

I join the men and women of the First Baptist Church of Flowery Branch in recognizing this anniversary and look forward to hearing about how their church continues to thrive and celebrate faithful service.

EDWARDS MARKET AND FLOWERLAND

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 10, 2018*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ron Edwards, Vicki Edwards and Angie Edwards-Aker on the 85th anniversary of Edwards Market and Edwards Flowerland.

Small businesses are crucial to supporting local communities and they contribute significantly to America's overall economy. Edwards Market's presence in Fort Morgan goes beyond their highly regarded reputation, but also includes their involvement in local churches, the FFA, and Colorado Proud Produce, as well as their animal purchases at the Morgan County Fair Livestock Sale. I commend their hard work and dedication to the community.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I am proud to mark this momentous occasion and recognize Edwards Market and Edwards Flowerland's 85th anniversary. This business has been in the Edwards family for four generations and continues to serve as a model for small and family-run businesses across the state. I wish them continued success going forward.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF KANSAS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 10, 2018*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize and celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Kansas City Public Schools (KCPS) and its many contributions to youth in Kansas City. As a cornerstone of the community, I am truly honored to have this institution in the Congressional District that I represent.

Kansas City Public Schools began humbly as the Kansas City Missouri School District in 1867, serving only 2,150 children in the Kansas City area. Since its formation, KCPS has faced and overcome many hurdles, from segregation and racial barriers in the 1960s, to funding and accreditation in the 1980s to the early 2000s. Throughout these challenges, KCPS has exemplified true resilience and shaped the future of education in Kansas City for the better. In its journey to gain full accreditation, KCPS turned times of struggle into opportunities for advancement, exploration, and innovation. The KCPS system launched mentor programs to conscientiously provide students with support and guidance. Recently, it spearheaded the Middle College Program that allows students who have dropped out of school to complete their high school education and prepare for technical school or a two-year degree program at no cost. Moreover, it fostered community partnerships with the public sector, private sector, business leaders, volunteers, and stakeholders to ensure the district has resources to meet the needs of every student and their family. KCPS has faced adversity, but never threw in the towel.

The KCPS system established itself as a source of stability for not only education, but also for families and the community. KCPS preserves its commitment to fostering a rich, diverse, and inclusive environment by providing services for English language learners, homeless students in transition, students with learning disabilities, and many others. This pledge to both student and family outreach demonstrates true assiduity and ensures that education is an equitable opportunity for all.

Today, the Kansas City Public School system employs 2,300 teachers and educates nearly 16,700 students annually. Of these, nearly 91 percent of students come from marginalized communities, and more than 50 languages are spoken in its 35 schools, centers, and programs. KCPS gives students the tools necessary to be college and career-ready, empowering them to achieve their dreams.

KCPS sets itself apart as an innovator, advocate, and champion. Undoubtedly, a century and a half of educating youth and serving the community is no easy feat. However, the spirit of the district, dedication of the administrators and teachers, and the commitment to growth is what allows the Kansas City Public School system to continue achieving its vision.

In our diverse city with students from all walks of life, the importance of having access to a quality public education is critical in ensuring doors of opportunity for the youth of Kansas City continue to open. It gives me